

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1. (Previously Presented) A system for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status associated with one or more network users, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for enabling presentation of one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with at least one network user;

status determining means for determining the status of the one or more network users, wherein the status of the one or more network users is associated with the one or more user indicators; and

status indicator presenting means for presenting at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of applications.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator comprises at least one symbol.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator presenting means presents the status indicator through use of at least one menu.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator comprises color coding.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the status indicator presenting means indicates the status of the network user by altering representations of the status indicator for the network users.

6. (Previously Presented) A method for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status associated with one or more network users, the method comprising the steps of:

generating the two or more types of electronic documents using two or more types of applications;

presenting one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents;

associating each user indicator with at least one network user;

determining a status of the one or more network users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators, wherein the status indicator indicates the status of network users via the two or more types of applications.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators comprises presenting at least one symbol with the status indicator.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator and the one or more user indicators comprises presenting at least one menu with the status indicator.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of presenting at least the status indicator comprises color coding.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of presenting one or more communication preferences associated with the one or more network users.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of establishing one or more communications with the one or more network users.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of enabling at least one application to be shared among the one or more network users.

13. (Previously Presented) A system for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status associated with one or more network users, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with at least one network user;

a status determining module that determines a status of the one or more network users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of applications.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator comprises at least one symbol.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator presenting module presents the status indicator using at least one menu.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator comprises color coding.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the status indicator presenting module is adapted to indicate the status of network users by altering representations of the status indicator for the network users.

18. (Previously Presented) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status for one or more network users, the medium comprising:

processor readable code that causes a processor to enable the one or more network users to generate the two or more types of electronic documents using two or more types of applications;

processor readable code that causes the processor to present one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, each user indicator being associated with the one or more network users;

processor readable code that causes the processor to determine the status of one or more network users associated with the one or more user indicators; and

processor readable code that causes the processor to present at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of applications.

19. (Original) The medium of claim 18, wherein the status indicator comprises at least one symbol.

20. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 18, wherein the processor readable code causes the processor to present the status indicator using at least one menu.

21. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 18, wherein the processor readable code causes the processor to present the status indicator using color coding.

22. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 21, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to establish at least one communication with the one or more network users.

23. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 22, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more network users to identify a preference for receiving the at least one communication.

24. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 18, further comprising processor readable code that causes the processor to enable the one or more network users to establish conference communications.

25. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 24, wherein the processor readable code causes the processor to enable the one or more network users to share at least one application.

26. (Previously Presented) A system for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status associated with one or more network users, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with at least one network user;

a status determining module associated with a first system application that determines a status of the at least one network user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module associated with a second system application that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two ore more types of applications, wherein the first system application and the second system application are different system applications.

27. (Previously Presented) A system for presenting a status indicator within two or more types of electronic documents to provide user status associated with at least one network user, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of non-HTML applications and wherein each user indicator is associated with the at least one network user;

a status determining module that determines a status of the at least one network user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module that presents at least the status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of non-HTML applications.

28. (Previously Presented) A communication system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications, wherein each user indicator is associated with at least one network user, and wherein the at least one network user comprises all network users capable of accessing the communication system;

a status determining module associated with a first system application that determines a status of the at least one network user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module associated with a second system application that presents at least a status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of applications, wherein the first system application and the second system application are different system applications.

29. (Previously Presented) A communication system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators within two or more types of electronic documents, wherein the electronic document types are capable of being generated using two or more types of applications, wherein each user indicator is

associated with at least one network user, and wherein the at least one network user comprises all network users capable of accessing the communication system;

a status determining module that determines a status of the at least one network user associated with the one or more user indicators; and

a status indicator presenting module that presents at least a status indicator and the user indicators in the two or more types of electronic documents to provide the status of network users via the two or more types of applications.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the two or more types of electronic documents include at least one of an electronic mail message, a Hypertext Markup Language document, and a word processing document.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the two or more types of electronic documents include at least one of an electronic mail message, a Hypertext Markup Language document, and a word processing document.

32. (Newly Added) A system for presenting status indicators within two or more types of electronic documents that are generated using two or more types of applications to provide user statuses associated with a plurality of network users, the system comprising:

a user directory that includes user information that corresponds to the plurality of network users, wherein the user information includes user indicators;

documents generated by the two or more applications, wherein each document includes at least two user depictions associated with at least two network users;

an identification determining module that references the user directory to access at least two user indicators that correspond to the at least two network users associated with the at least two user depictions included in the documents;

a user indicator presentation module that presents the at least two user indicators within the documents, wherein the user indicator presentation module is capable of presenting the at least two user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents that are capable of being generated using the two or more types of applications;

a status determining module that determines statuses of the at least two network users;
and

a status indicator presenting module that presents at least two status indicators within the documents to provide the statuses of the at least two network users, the at least two status indicators being associated with the at least two user indicators.

33. (Newly Added) A system for presenting status indicators to provide user statuses associated with two or more network users within two or more types of electronic documents that are generated using two or more types of applications, the system comprising:

documents generated by the two or more types of applications, wherein each of the documents includes a plurality of document fields;

a user indicator presentation module that presents a plurality of user indicators, the plurality of user indicators being presented within two or more of the plurality of document fields and being associated with two or more network users, wherein the user indicator presentation module is capable of presenting the plurality of user indicators within the two or more types of electronic documents that are capable of being generated using the two or more types of applications;

a status determining module that determines statuses of the two or more network users;
and

a status indicator presenting module that presents a plurality of status indicators within the documents to provide the statuses of the two or more network users, the plurality of status indicators being associated with the plurality of user indicators and being presented within the two or more of the plurality of fields of the documents.